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Field Crops Report

For the week ending April 25, **Cotton** was 52 percent planted, ahead of the previous year's 51 percent, but below the five year average of 53 percent.

Alfalfa harvest was active on just over half of the state's acreage. Forty-eight percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

The **Durum Wheat** crop was headed on 80 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year's 76 percent headed, but behind the 5-year average of 85 percent. **Winter Wheat** was similar at 69 percent headed, compared to 60 percent a year ago and the 5-year average of 78 percent. Arizona's **Barley** crop was 70 percent headed, compared to 64 percent last year and 83 percent for the 5-year average. Some of these small grains fields are nearly ready for harvest.

Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 25 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 23 percent good, and 11 percent excellent.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped Boston lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, escarole, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce, spinach and spring mix last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons, navels, tangerines, and Valencias in central and western Arizona last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were below normal for the week ending April 25. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Casa Grande to near normal in Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 93 degrees at Yuma, while the lowest reading was 22 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Winslow to 0.23 inches at Canyon De Chelly.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK APRIL 18 TO APRIL 24, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	54	-1	73	35	0.23	3.23	2.66
Casa Grande	70	-4	88	44	0.00	3.29	2.83
Coolidge	69	-3	89	43	0.00	3.71	3.34
Douglas	62	-1	83	40	0.00	3.02	2.05
Flagstaff	45	-3	62	22	0.00	4.34	8.47
Gila Bend	73	-3	90	48	0.00	2.85	2.41
Grand Canyon	46	-3	64	24	0.00	5.25	6.09
Kingman	60	-2	78	41	0.00	2.47	4.05
Parker	73	0	90	55	0.00	1.51	2.39
Payson	54	-2	73	32	0.00	5.05	8.38
Phoenix	73	-2	87	55	0.00	4.02	2.92
Prescott Airport	53	-1	71	35	0.00	3.70	4.10
Safford Ag Center	63	-2	84	39	0.00	3.82	2.35
Tucson	68	-3	86	48	0.00	3.54	2.95
Willcox	60	-1	79	38	0.00	4.96	2.98
Winslow	55	-2	75	30	0.01	1.33	1.84
Yuma	73	-1	93	54	0.00	1.16	0.96

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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